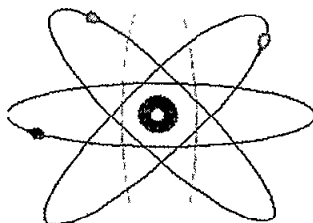


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Ms. Laurie Duarte
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Re: FAR Case 2001-014

Dear Ms Duarte:

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen and small business owner who has an interest in the federal government receiving fair value in it's contracts for goods and services. I am equally pleased to note the important policy initiatives proposed in the Federal Acquisition Regulations in the April 3rd, 2001 edition of the Federal Register.

The actions taken will bring to close the acquisitions policy initiated in the FAR Case 1999-010. It is very important that it be overturned as it is a most redundant policy with unwise applications and many unforeseeable consequences. It has exposed small businesses to unfair denial of federal contracts based on violations in an array of complicated federal laws just in the past three years. This would mean that even unproven and resolved allegations from the past could keep a company from winning federal contracts.

It is for certain that important reforms in acquisition policy are needed to open up opportunities for the small businesses and independent contractors and sub-contractors. I surely hope that GSA and the FAR secretariat can direct their attention to the important pro competitive provisions required for the future.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Charles G. Slocum
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